

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Pleasant Valley Recreation Center

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 495, W. side, approx. 1¼ miles S. of intersection with Rock Lodge Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Bittinger

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

☐ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☒ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☒ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State of Maryland/University of Maryland

Telephone #: 853-3683

STREET & NUMBER

Office of University Planning, University of Maryland

CITY, TOWN

College Park, MD

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
20742

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Oakland, MD

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Between 1936 and 1938, the Work Projects Administration constructed twenty-four buildings on this Pleasant Valley tract near Cunningham Lake. Most of these structures are seasonal facilities, in use as campsites from the last week in April to the first of October every year. In conjunction with this building project, the WPA constructed in addition, a dam and roadway.

The state 4-H organization uses these buildings which are situated on a 1,200-acre tract owned by the University of Maryland.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1936-38

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Work Projects Administration

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These twenty-four camp buildings, constructed by Franklin Roosevelt's Work Projects Administration, represent an important development architecturally as standardized camp architecture and socially, as the durable product of an organized labor effort resulting from a specific social program.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ellen Coxe, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

January 1980

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, MD 21401

STATE

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RECOMMENDATIONS: MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

The following buildings or properties which are part of the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station, have been judged historically and architecturally significant and as such, have been added to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Sites:

- 1) Cherry Hill Plant Research Farm
2000 Cherry Hill Road
Silver Spring, Maryland 20904
- 2) Otten Horse Farm
Route 175, Waterloo Road
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
- 3) Pleasant Valley Recreation Center
Cunningham Lake
Garrett County, Maryland.

Regarding the Cherry Hill complex, if the University decides to sell the property, the Trust recommends locating a buyer who will adaptively reuse these WPA-constructed buildings under provisions of a protective preservation easement.

The Otten farmhouse should be maintained in its present context within the University Experimental Farm system.

The Pleasant Valley 4-H complex in Garrett County should continue in its present situation of seasonal usage.

A comprehensive archeological survey should be initiated immediately to comply with the 1978 Board of Public Works Policy Statement. Areas that require particular attention in below-ground investigation include: the Clarksville Central Farm facility; the Sharpsburg tract; and the University of Maryland campus in Baltimore County where many nineteenth century and one late eighteenth century stone farmhouses have disappeared since the early 1960's.

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Donna -

Enclosed please find recommendations + copy of survey form
for complex of bldgs owned by University of Maryland, Dist.
Bridget Deale and Ellen Cox added to survey in Garrett County.

Unfortunately, they never assigned it a survey #.

① could you do this and let me know what this is? ②

Any additional info you could dig up on this complex would
be greatly appreciated. (Info they used only from secondary
sources.

Talk to you soon.

Thanks - Mark

PS - Your next progress report is due, and I got
msgs from Ann.





